

Suffolk County Medical Society
Councilor's Report
May 30, 2019
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- On April 15th SCMS/SAM was invited to join the Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Staff meeting. We were given a table to speak with the physician members and were recognized at the podium. It was a good way to show our presence and promote the name and work of the Medical Society. Invitation to the Medical Staff meeting evolved from an earlier meeting with the Hospital CMO, Dr. Teplitz.
- On April 26th SCMS held its bi-annual Legislative Breakfast. The event was well attended by many of our local legislators. There was open dialogue on issues affecting our patients, community and physicians. The issues raised included removing exemptions for vaccination; continued opposition to the legalization of recreational marijuana; the NY Health Act; and ways of shifting NYS's designation as the worst state to be a doctor.
- The SAM Doctors of Tomorrow Committee met on May 1st to evaluate and select scholarship and award winners for our participating High School students. Each year the quality and quantity of applying students increase and speaks as a testament to the future of medicine.
- The SCMS Executive Committee met on May 15th to discuss pertinent matters of operations, finance, and receive updates on events and procedures. Ms. Alexis Schoor, presented to the committee her Kings Park High School Capstone work on "The Decline of Private Medical Practice". Ms. Katlyn McGrann and Patricia Gitto- Capstone Program Directors were also in attendance. We look forward to engaging and supporting students as they discover and grow in the field of medicine.
- Along with our discussions at the legislative breakfast; we will be meeting with Senator Gaughran at his office on May 24th.
- On June 14th The Suffolk County Medical Society and the Suffolk Academy of Medicine will hold its Annual Dinner and Installation of Officers. We anticipate a time of happy celebration as our new officers are sworn in, as we honor our members, and as we support our community.
- On June 19th, 12:30 pm; RuskinMoscouFaltischek, P.C. will hold a webinar on "Preventing Sexual Harassment in the Workplace" for members the Nassau County Medical Society, The Suffolk County Medical Society and the Independent Physicians Association of Nassau and Suffolk.